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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Annie Marshall
802 E. Front Street, Apt B23
Plainfield, NJ 07062

Plaintiff

v.

Wal-Mart Stores East, LP
702 SW 8th Street
Bentonville, AR 72716

Defendants

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MAY 08 2017

KATE BARKMAN, Clerk
By Dep. Clerk

COMPLAINT

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff, Annie Marshall, is an adult individual and resident of State of New Jersey, residing at the address listed in the above caption

2. Defendant, Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, is a business entity registered to do business in the State of Arkansas, with a business address listed in the caption of this Complaint, and which at all times material hereto was the owner, operator, maintainer, possessor, lessor, lessee and/or otherwise legally responsible for the care, control and safety of the premises located at Walmart, 1501 Us-22, Watchung, NJ 07069.

3. Defendants named in paragraphs 2 above will be collectively referred to as "Defendants" for the entirety of this Complaint.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of this Civil Action- Complaint in that the Plaintiff is a citizen of State of New Jersey and the Defendant, upon

information and belief is a corporate entity with its principal place of business in State of Arkansas and the amount in controversy in this case, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds the sum of \$75,000.

5. Venue is proper in this jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a) (1) and (2) in that this is a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims asserted in this Complaint occurred in this judicial district.

FACTS

6. At all relevant times, Defendants were acting individually, jointly and/or by and through its agents, servants, franchisees, workmen and/or employees for the maintenance, repair, care and control of the premises located at Walmart, 1501 US-22, in Watchung, NJ, referred to hereinafter as “the premises.”

7. On or about November 30, 2016, at approximately 1:35 p.m. Plaintiff was a business invitee, licensee and/or otherwise legally on Defendants’ premises.

8. At all times relevant hereto, Defendants, individually, jointly and/or through its agents, servants, franchisees, workmen and/or employees, had a duty to keep and maintain the aforesaid premises in a reasonably safe condition for those persons lawfully thereon, including Plaintiff.

9. On or about November 30, 2016, at approximately 1:35 p.m. while on Defendants’ premises, Plaintiff was caused to slip and fall on a substance that was on the floor, causing serious and permanent personal injuries on account of which this action is brought.

10. At or about the same date, time and place in question, and for some period of time prior thereto, Defendants, acting individually, jointly and/or by and through their agents, servants, franchisees, workmen and/or employees, negligently, recklessly and/or carelessly allowed and

permitted dangerous and unsafe conditions to exist, including but not limited to, the conditions which directly resulted in the plaintiff's injuries.

COUNT I

**Annie Marshall v. Wal-Mart Stores East, LP
Premises Liability - Negligence**

11. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if set forth fully at length herein.

12. The negligence of Defendants consisted of, inter alia, the following:

- a. Failure to remove the liquid substance from the floors;
- b. Failure to regard the rights, safety and position of the Plaintiff in and about the area of the aforementioned accident;
- c. Failure to request and supervise periodic inspections of the premises in and around the area where Plaintiff fell by Defendant's employees and/or agents;
- d. Failure to reasonably inspect, maintain and/or otherwise exercise due and reasonable care under the circumstance in view of the foreseeable dangers, accidents and/or injuries that could occur as a result of the conditions on the premises;
- e. Failure to comply with Philadelphia County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania building codes, county and city laws, ordinances and regulations pertaining to the design, construction and maintenance of the aforementioned premises;
- f. Failure to provide sufficient warning to the Plaintiff as to the existence of the reasonably foreseeable defective, dangerous, and unsafe conditions giving rise to the instant action;

- g. Failure to provide adequate safeguards to prevent the injury to Plaintiff;
- h. Failure to exercise the proper care, custody and control over the aforesaid premises.

13. As a direct and consequential result of the negligent and/or careless conduct of the defendant, described above, the Plaintiff suffered various serious and permanent personal injuries, serious impairment of bodily function and/or permanent serious disfigurement and/or aggravation of pre-existing conditions, and others ills and injuries, all to Plaintiff's great loss and detriment.

14. As a result of these injuries, all of which are permanent in nature and all of which are to Plaintiff's great financial detriment and loss, Plaintiff has in the past, is presently and may in the future suffer great anguish, sickness and agony and will continue to suffer for an indefinite time into the future.

15. As an additional result of the carelessness, negligence and/or recklessness of Defendants, Plaintiff has suffered emotional injuries, along with the physical injuries suffered.

16. As a further result of Plaintiff's injuries, Plaintiff has in the past, is presently and may in the future undergo a great loss of earnings and/or earning capacity, all to Plaintiff's further loss and detriment.

17. Furthermore, in addition to all the injuries and losses suffered by Plaintiff, Plaintiff has also incurred or will incur medical, rehabilitative and other related expenses for which he makes a claim for payment in the present action.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, demands judgment in Plaintiff's favor and against Defendants in an amount in excess of Seventy-five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars, plus all costs and other relief this court deems necessary.

SIMON & SIMON, P.C.

BY: mis3364
Marc I. Simon, Esquire

VERIFICATION

I, Annie Marshall, am the plaintiff in this action, and I hereby state that the facts set forth in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that this verification is subject to 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 providing for criminal penalties for unsworn falsification to authorities.

Annie Marshall
Annie Marshall (Nov 30, 2015)

JS 44 (Rev. 12/12)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Annie Marshall

DEFENDANTS

Wal-Mart Stores East, LP
702 SW 8th Street
Bentonville, AR 72716

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(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Simon & Simon, PC

1515 Market Street, Suite 1600

Philadelphia, PA 19102

(215) 467-4666

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant☒ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

Citizen of This State ☐ 1 PTF ☐ 1 DEFCitizen of Another State ☒ 2 PTF ☐ 2 DEFCitizen or Subject of a Foreign Country ☐ 3 PTF ☐ 3 DEFIncorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State ☐ 4 PTF ☐ 4 DEFIncorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State ☐ 5 PTF ☒ 5 DEFForeign Nation ☐ 6 PTF ☐ 6 DEF

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act IMMIGRATION <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
REAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	CIVIL RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	PRISONER PETITIONS Habeas Corpus: <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty Other: <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement			

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

☒ 1 Original Proceeding☐ 2 Removed from State Court☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

28 U.S.C. § 1391 (a) (1) and (2)

Brief description of cause:

Premises Liability- Slip and Fall

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.DEMAND \$
75,000.00CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

MAY - 8 2017

DATE
05/08/2017

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

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RECEIPT #

AMOUNT

APPLYING IFP

JUDGE

MAG. JUDGE

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar.

Address of Plaintiff: Annie Marshall, 802 E. Front Street, Apt B23, Plainfield, NJ 07062

Address of Defendant: Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, 702 SW 8th Street, Bentonville, AR 72716

Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: Walmart, 1501 US-22, Watchung, NJ 07069

(Use Reverse Side For Additional Space)

Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock?

(Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a))

Yes ☐ No ☒

Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities?

Yes ☐ No ☒

RELATED CASE, IF ANY:

Case Number: _____ Judge _____ Date Terminated: _____

Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions:

1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?
Yes ☐ No ☒
2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?
Yes ☐ No ☒
3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?
Yes ☐ No ☒
4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual?
Yes ☐ No ☒

CIVIL: (Place ☒ in ONE CATEGORY ONLY)

A. Federal Question Cases:

1. ☐ Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts
2. ☐ FELA
3. ☐ Jones Act-Personal Injury
4. ☐ Antitrust
5. ☐ Patent
6. ☐ Labor-Management Relations
7. ☐ Civil Rights
8. ☐ Habeas Corpus
9. ☐ Securities Act(s) Cases
10. ☐ Social Security Review Cases
11. ☐ All other Federal Question Cases
(Please specify) _____

B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases:

1. ☐ Insurance Contract and Other Contracts
2. ☐ Airplane Personal Injury
3. ☐ Assault, Defamation
4. ☐ Marine Personal Injury
5. ☒ Motor Vehicle Personal Injury
6. ☒ Other Personal Injury (Please specify)
7. ☐ Products Liability
8. ☐ Products Liability — Asbestos
9. ☐ All other Diversity Cases
(Please specify) Premises Liability- Slip and Fall

ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION

(Check Appropriate Category)

I, _____, counsel of record do hereby certify:

- ☐ Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs;
- ☐ Relief other than monetary damages is sought.

DATE: 5/8/2017

Marc I Simon

Attorney-at-Law

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Attorney I.D.#

NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38.

I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.

DATE: 5/8/2017

[Signature]
Attorney-at-Law

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Attorney I.D.#

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

Annie Marshall

CIVIL ACTION

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Wal-Mart Stores East, LP

NO.

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a Case Management Track Designation Form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:

- (a) Habeas Corpus – Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 through § 2255. ()
- (b) Social Security – Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits. ()
- (c) Arbitration – Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2. ()
- (d) Asbestos – Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos. ()
- (e) Special Management – Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.) ()
- (f) Standard Management – Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks. (x)

5/8/2017

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